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### **WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE - FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2015 APPROPRIATIONS BILL SIGNED INTO LAW**

This memorandum is to inform the Board that, on December 16, 2014, the President signed H.R. 83, a \$1.1 trillion Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 appropriations bill.

H.R. 83 is nicknamed the "cromnibus" bill because it includes a Continuing Resolution (CR), which funds the Department of Homeland Security through February 27, 2015, and which funds the other 11 FFY 2015 appropriations bills through the end of FFY 2015 under a single omnibus appropriations bill. Since FFY 2015 began on October 1, 2014, Federal operations had been funded through three short-term CRs with the last CR expiring on December 17, 2014.

H.R. 83 funds nearly all of the discretionary programs through which the County receives funding at or near their prior year levels, and also extends funding for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) through September 30, 2015. The County's overall Federal revenue should increase in FFY 2015 because the County receives the vast majority of its total Federal revenue through mandatory programs, such as Medicaid, TANF, and Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, which, in aggregate, will increase. Most notably, the County's Medicaid revenue, which alone accounts for most of the County's Federal revenue, will grow due to the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansions. Title IV-E revenue, our third largest Federal revenue source, also will grow under the terms and conditions of the State's IV-E waiver in which the County participates. Funding for TANF, which is the County's second largest Federal revenue source and finances CalWORKs, will be unchanged in FFY 2015.

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The only programs of County interest that are not funded in FFY 2015 at or near their prior year funding levels are the following:

- Trafficking victim services, administered by the Department of Justice (DOJ), triples from \$14.25 million in FFY 2014 to \$42.25 million in FFY 2015. The bill includes language, requested by the County through Senator Feinstein, which would allow funds to be used for competitive child sex trafficking grants of \$1.5 million to \$2.0 million to four state or local governments with significant criminal activity involving sex trafficking of minors and demonstrated multi-agency cooperation in combatting such trafficking - criteria that the County meets. However, DOJ will determine how the \$42.25 million is allocated among allowable grants and activities;
- The Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program (PHEP), which was funded at \$640 million in FFY 2014, is augmented by \$155 million from the \$1.771 billion appropriation to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Ebola response and preparedness. The County, which is one of three local jurisdictions that receive direct PHEP formula grants, received a FFY 2014 PHEP allocation of \$19.84 million;
- The HOME Investment Partnerships Program is reduced from \$1 billion in FFY 2014 to \$900 million in FFY 2015. The County received a FFY 2014 HOME allocation of \$6.82 million; and
- Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants funding is reduced from \$600 to \$500 million in FFY 2015. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority received two TIGER grants totaling \$22.05 million in FFY 2014 when 797 applications requesting a total of roughly \$9.5 billion in TIGER funding were submitted nationally.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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